STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
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May 23, 2022

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION

BRENDA RICHARD
Nonpartisan Candidate for 45th District Judge, Incumbent Position

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NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 100 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 111 signatures.

RESULT OF FACE REVIEW: 109 facially valid signatures, 2 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed		111
Date errors (no date given by signer, date of birth entered, or date given by signer is later than circulator's date of signing)	*Less:*	2
TOTAL		109

Staff's face review identified 2 invalid signatures and 109 facially valid signatures.

CHALLENGE: Alan Feuer submitted a challenge to Ms. Richard's nominating petitions, in which he challenged the validity of 17 of her signatures. Because the number of signatures challenged exceeded Ms. Richard's "cushion" of excess signatures (9), staff processed the challenge as described below.

Mr. Feuer alleged that 7 were invalid signatures, 8 were not registered, and 1 individual signed twice. Following the review of the challenge, staff made the following determinations:

Total number of signatures filed		111
Not registered	*Less:*	3
Date errors (no date given by signer, date of birth entered, or date given by signer is later than circulator's date of signing)	*Less:*	2
Signature errors (no signature or incomplete signature)	*Less:*	2
Miscellaneous errors (signatures of dubious authenticity where the petition signature does not match the signature on file or multiple signatures appear to have been written by the same individual, etc.)	*Less:*	2
TOTAL		102

Staff accepted 7 of those challenges and rejected 9 challenges. Additionally, 1 overlapped with a signature already deemed invalid by staff on face review.

In her response, Ms. Richard acknowledged that 5 signers were not registered voters and that 1 set of signatures is a duplicate. Accordingly, she argued that she had 105 valid signatures. Because Ms. Richard had sufficient signatures after the challenge was processed, staff did not process the response.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition sufficient.